# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: LATEX GLOVES : MDL Docket No. 1148

PRODUCTS LIABILITY

LITIGATION : This Document Relates

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## CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER No. 4 DESIGNATION of DEFENDANTS' LIAISON COUNSEL

AND NOW, this 12th day of May, 1997, it is ordered:

## I. Defendants' Liaison Counsel-Spokesperson

- A. Alan L. Unikel, Esq. is designated defendants' Liaison Counsel-Spokesperson.
- B. Duties and Responsibilities: As Liaison Counsel-Spokesperson, Mr. Unikel shall:
- Coordinate presentation to the Court and opposing counsel of defendants' positions on all matters arising during pretrial proceedings;
- 2. Delegate tasks necessary to assure orderly, economical, and efficient trial preparation;
- 3. Prepare and distribute to defendants periodic status reports;
- 4. Conduct meetings of defendants' counsel to coordinate discovery, presentations at pretrial conferences, and other pretrial activities; and
- 5. Perform such other duties as may be necessary to coordinate defendants' pretrial activities.

#### II. Defendants' Liaison Counsel-Service

- A. Larry L. Turner, Esq. and James A. Willhite, Jr. Esq. are designated defendants' Liaison Counsel-Service.
- B. Duties and Responsibilities: As Liaison Counsel-Service, they shall:
- 1. Maintain and distribute to defendants' counsel and to Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel an up-to-date service list;
- 2. Receive and distribute to defendants' counsel court orders and documents from opposing parties and counsel; and
- 3. Maintain and make available to defendants' counsel a complete file of all documents served by or upon each party, other than documents that are available at the document depository.

### III. Individual or Separate Actions Preserved

Any counsel for defendants who disagrees with Liaison Counsel-Spokesperson (or those acting for him) or who has individual or divergent positions may make written and oral argument, and otherwise act separately, as appropriate. However, such counsel shall not repeat or make, ask, or take substantially the same arguments, questions, or actions of Liaison Counsel-Spokesperson or those acting on his behalf.

#### IV. Privileges Preserved

No communication among defendants' counsel shall be considered to be a waiver of any privilege or protection to which they would otherwise be entitled.

Edmund V. Ludwig, J.